

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title, as follows:

DENTAL HANDPIECE WITH A UNITARY BODY FORMED  
~~FROM A SINGLE PIECE AND COMPRISING AN ELECTRICALLY~~  
~~CONDUCTIVE ELECTRONIC AND ELASTIC CONNECTION ELEMENT~~  
~~FOR CONNECTION BETWEEN THE MECHANICAL TRANSMISSION~~  
~~ELEMENTS AND THE HEAD OF THE INSTRUMENT~~

Please replace the specification originally submitted for this patent application with the substitute specification which is enclosed with this Reply.

Please replace the abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A ~~The invention relates to a dental handpiece (1) includes of the type comprising mechanical components, in particular, a tool-holder assembly for the attachment and for the rotational driving of a dental instrument about a drive axis (6) and an assembly for the transmission of such movement. The [[, said]] mechanical components are [[being]] mounted in the interior of a body (2) having a head (4) and a handle (3). The [[,]] characterized in that it comprises means of electrical connection between the mechanical components of the handle and~~

the head of the handpiece are electrically connected instrument,  
~~which means are constituted~~ by an elastic and electrically  
conducting connecting device.

~~Abstract Figure:~~ **Figure 17.**